



First if there be within i.
theyr parische a Parson, Vicar
or Curat, resident continual-
lie vpon his benefice and cure,
doynge his dutye there as he is
bound to do in al things, espe-
cially in preaching, sayng Ma-
tins, Masse, and Euensonge at due tyme, chri-
stening, visiting the sicke, buryng, and doynge
al other such like, and whether he hath solemp-
nized Matrimonte, the bannes not duly befoze
asked, or haue celebzated the same, or other di-
uine seruice in any oratorie or priuate chappell
not allowed nor licenced so to do by thozdinary
or other sufficient auctorite in that behalfe.

Item whether the said Parson, Vicar, or Cu-
rat, haue been heretofore married or no, & if he
continue with his woman or either of them sus-
piciouslye doo resorte to other.

Item whether within the said parish there be iii.
openly or secretly any married priest, or any wo-
man heretofore married to a priest, and whither
they be suspected of any euell rule and euell con-
uersation or no, and who be noted to be the sup-
porters, maynteiners, fauourers or bearers of
them in any wise.

Item whither ther be within the said parish iiij.
any that doth maintayne or bphold the opinion
that priestes and religious persones may law-
fullye be maryed and continue together.

Item whether there be within your parish any v.
prieste that taketh vpon hym to serue the cure,
not being befoze examined and allowed thereto

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by thozdinary, and whither the said pziet hath in the tyme of the late scisme here in the realme preached heresy oz euil doctrine, and not recanted the same, oz doth not now preache and sette forth the true doctrine of the catholike church, and also pray for the thzee estates of the catholike churche, and especiall ye for the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, and also whither prayinge for the thyzd estate, they do name Purgatozre oz no.

vi. Item whither there be within the sayde parish any that do obstinately persist and stande in any heresie oz hereticall opinion, oz be suspected of erronious and false doctrine oz a fauozer, mainteiner oz aider of any erronious oz hereticall person oz persones, oz of any heresies oz hereticall opinions, oz noughty doctrine.

vii. Item whether you knowe oz haue heard say of any person oz persones within your said parish, that hath kept, oz at this present doth keepe any hereticall, noughtye, oz sedicious erronious booke oz bookes, especially english testamentes oz Bibles falsely translated, secretlye oz otherwise, and whither ye haue any suspectes thereof.

viii. Item whether ye knowe oz haue hearde of anye Prynters oz Bookesellers wythin your parish that haue solde, oz now dothe sell oz keepe anye the sayde hereticall, noughtye, oz sedicious booke oz bookes, letters oz wytynges, and whether ye haue anye suspectes thereof.

ix. Item whether ye knowe oz haue hearde saye of

of anye person or persones wthin your Par^{ish}e
that wyllynglye or obstinatellye dothe neglecte
or refuse to make theyr confession to the Priest,
and to receyue absolution and penaunce at hys
hande for hys offences, or obstinatellye or wyl-
lynglye doo refuse to receyue the Sacrament
of the Altare, or extreme unction, in extreme
daunger of syckenesse, or to heare Masse, or to
come to hys Par^{ish}e Church, or refuse to go
on Procession, or to take Holywater, or other-
wyle doo mysuse them selues in breakynge the
Rytes and Ceremonyes of the Catholyque
Church, speciallye in fastynge on the Ember
Dayes and other dayes by the Church special-
lye appoynted, or in prayinge, or other suche
lyke.

Item whyther ye knowe or haue hearde of
anye person or persones wthin your Par^{ish}e^{x.}
that haue murmured, grudged or spoken direct-
lye or indirectlye agaynst the Masse, or other
ecclesiasticall seruite, vsed or commaunded in
the Church, or agaynst anye Sacramentes or
Sacramentalles of the same, as holye breade,
holye water, ashes, palmes, creping to the crosse,
holye Dyle, and Chrylme, bearynge of Palmes
or Candelles, buryinge of the deade, or prayinge
for them, speciallye in sayinge of Diriges and
Commendations, or in vsinge anye other lau-
dable or Godlye Ceremonye or vsage of the
Church.

Item whither there be within your Par^{ish}e^{xi.}
anye that dothe fauoure, or is suspected to re-
sept or receyue any noughty person or persones.
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especially to rede the english service, bled in the
time of king Edward the sixte, or the booke of
Communion, or anye booke prohibited or for-
bydden to be redde or taught, or to set forth any
noughtye opinion or doctrine.

xii. Item whither there be within the sayde pa-
rish any priuie lectures or sermons, or other de-
uises, or anye vnlawfull conuenticles or assem-
bles.

xiii. Item whether there be within the sayde pa-
rishe any, that at the sacring time of the Masse
dothe hange downe theyr heades, or hyde them-
selues behinde pillers, or turneth away their fa-
ces, or departeth out of the church, because they
woulde not looke vpon the blessed sacrament of
the Altare.

xiiii. Item whether ye knowe or haue hearde saye
of any persone or persones within your parishe
that haue committed Lollardie, as in eatyng of
fleshe at dayes and times forbydden or other-
wise, practising or allowinge anye the opinions
of the Lollardes.

xv. Item whither there be within the sayde pa-
rish any person, man, woman, or childe, being of
sufficient age and discretion that can not saye
theyr Pater noster, Aue Maria, and the Crede.

xvi. Item whither there be within your parishe a-
ny schole master or scolemastresse that do teach
Childezen to rede, write, sing, or play, not beyng
first examined and admitted thereunto by thoz-
dinarie or his sufficiēt deputie, and whither the
said scolemaster and scolemastresse be sound in
religion, and of honest lyuing and discrete beha-
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uiour, causing theyr scholars to fast, to praye, to come to the church, and to do theyr Duties ther, specially in hearing Masse and other diuine seruice, and whither they teache them to helpe the Priest to Masse, and to saye their Pater noster, the Ave Maria, and the Crede with De profundis for all Christen soules, and whither the scholes, especially being comen be faithfully and diligently kept or no.

Item whither there be within the sayde par- xvii.
rishe any that do absent them selues willynge from the church, loosinge Mattins, Masse, or Euen song, or anye parte thereof, and whither there be any suspectes vpon Sondays or holydaies colozable to absent them selues fro theyr owne parish church, and to go into the countrie vnder pretence to see theyr house and the state of theyr thynges there, hearynge diuine seruice in no place.

Item whether you knowe or haue hearde of xviii.
any in your parish, that haue bene, or is a scold or a slanderous person of his neighbours, or a fower of disorde and debate betwene partye and partie, especially betwene man and wyfe, or the parentes and theyr childzen, or any suche like, or that hath inuented, bzuted, or set forth any rumours, false or sedicious tales, or sclanders, or of any makers, bzyngeters in, byers, sellers, readers, keepers, or conueyers of anye vnlawfull letters, bookes, or wytynges, stirringe or prouoking sedicion within this realme, or of any theyr ayders, counsaylours, abettoys, procurers or mayntayners therein.

Item

- xix. Item whither ye know or haue heard of any within the sayde parish that haue geuen occasi-
on to moue or sturre bp any deuision, strife, con-
tention or sedition, especially betwene the king
and Quenes maiesties and their Subiectes.
- xx. Item whether ye knowe or haue heard saye
of any concelementes, contemptes, conspiracies,
false rumors, tales, seditions, misbehaviours,
flaunders woordes, bruted or spred by any
person or persones against the King and Que-
nes Maiesties, or either of them, or agaynst the
quiet rule and gouernance of theyr subiectes
or realmes.
- xxi. Item whither the Patrones and other ha-
uing aduowsons of benefices haue sincerely, tru-
ly, and iustly presented in due time, and in good
order an able Clerke to the benefice vacant, not
suffring the said benefice long to remaine with-
out a Pastor or Curate.
- xxii. Item whither you know of any Patrones or
other, hauing aduowsons that haue directly or
indirectly practised, couenanted or agreed with
any person or persones befoze the presentation
or after, to haue anye summe of money for the
same, or any other profite, commoditie or plea-
sure in anye wise vnder anye colour or conuey-
aunce, what so euer it be.
- xxiii. Item whither ye know any Patrones or o-
ther, hauing such aduowsons or any other per-
sone that of his owne priuate authoritie and
pleasure haue pulled downe any Church, chap-
pel, or other ecclesiastical buildinge, or haue ta-
ken away the lead, belles, ornaumentes, goodes,
or landes

or landes of the said places, or anye of them, or
spoyled anye of the same, or haue conuerted the
tithe, profits, commodities, reuenues, and
possessions of anye of the same to his owne pri-
uate and prophane vse.

Item whether ye knowe or haue hearde of ^{xxliii.}
any Parson, Vicar, or other, hauing ecclesiasti-
call promotion, that hath made alienation of
suche thinges as perteyned to his Parsonage,
Vicarge, or spirituall promotiō, or let the same
to farme, without licence of his Ordinarie, and
if he so in anye the premises haue done, what
it was, when it was, and by what authoritie or
warrant it was done.

Item whether the churche of your parishe be
nowe vacante or no, who is the patrone therof,
how long it hath bene vacant, who doth receiue
the tythes, oblations, and other commodities
thereof, during the sayd vacation, and by what
authoritie, and in what estate the sayde churche
is in. ^{xxvi.}

Item whether within the said parishe there
be any womā that doth exercise thoffice or come
of a Midwyfe, not beyng before examined and
admitted thereto by the ordinary or his sufficient
deputy, or whether there be any woman, hauing
bene a priests wife or suspect of heresy, that is a
comon keeper of women lying in childbed or no.

Item whether the said Midwife haue here-
tofore bene, and now is catholike, faithfull, dis-
crete, sober, and diligent, ready to helpe euery
woman trauelyng with childe, aswel the poore
as the riche.

xxviii. Item whither the saide woman oz any other comming to such traouelling do vse any Witche-craft, charmes, oz vnlawful pzaiers oz inuocatiōs, oz do omit oz alter the lawdable rytes and ceremonies accustomed and vled of antiquitie.

xxix. Item whither the said midwife oz other woman denieth oz letteth the newe borne childe to be bzought to the church, and to be duly, reuerently and orderlye baptised, and the mother to be duly and accustomably purified.

xxx. Item whither any woman by them selues oz by the sunstre counsell of other, haue after their own fantasies purified them selues oz done any thing therein contrary to the law, oz denaunce, and custome of the catholike church.

xxxi. Item whither the Churchwardens of your parishe haue and do prouide all thinges necessary and requisite to be had in your church, accordinge as hath bene accustomed wythin thys realme of Englande, befoze the time of the late schisme in the same.

xxxii. Item whither within your said parishe there be a roode and a roode loft, hauing the Images of Mary and John, & lightes befoze the same, and whither in the Lent season there be a couering for the saide Crucifixe decentlye prouided, and whither there be any lightes vpon the high Altare, and whither there be an Image of the patrone of the church oz no.

xxxiii. Item whither there be any Inuentary made and kept of the church goodes, and a booke concerning the regestringe of those that are baptized, married, oz buried.

Item

Item whither the bestimentes for the priests xxxiii.
and other ministers, and al the oznamentes for
and about the altar, be kept clene and sufficient-
ly repayzed and mainteined, and whither there
be any thing lacking or no, and whither there be
a comely pice to kepe the blessed sacrament in &
upon the high Altar, and whither there be any
light burning befoze it, especially in the time of
diuine seruice, and whither the blessed Sacra-
ment be caried decentlye and deuoutlye to the
sicke, the Clerke goynge befoze the Prieste in a
surplesse with lighte in his hand, and a litle sa-
cring bell ringing.

Item whither the church or chauncel of your xxxv.
parish be in ruine or decay, and in whose default
or negligence the same is.

Item whither there haue bene or be anye le- xxxvi.
gacies or gyftes made for the repayzinge and
mayntenaunce of your church, or of highwaies,
finding of the poore, maryenge of poore May-
dens, or anye suche like, and the same not payde
and aunswered accordingly.

Item whither there be any man within your xxxvii.
parish, that besides his wyfe keepeth inconti-
nently any other woman, or any woman which
besides her husband taketh or vseth with any o-
ther man, or whither any man doth put awaye
his wife, or any wyfe doth withdraue her selfe
from her husband, not beyng lawfullye befoze
diuorced, and beyng lawfully diuorced, whither
anye of the parties duringe the life of the other
do mary or no.

Item whither ye knowe of anye man that xxxviii.
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hath two wyues liuing, or of anye woman that hath two husbandes lyuing, no lawfull diuorces beynge made betwene them.

xxxix. Item whither you knowe of anye blurers, or of anye bawdes, man or woman, or of any other vicious and notable offendours and breakers of Gods holye commaundementes, and of the godly orders, lawes, and lawdable customes of the holy catholike church in any wise, especially vpon Embryng or fasting dayes, or vpon Song dayes or holydayes.

xl. Item whither the church or churchyard haue bene violated, polluted, or suspended in any manner of wayes, especially by effusion of blood, violently made or done in the same.

xli. Item whither anye dothe take vpon hym to minstre the goodes of any that is deade before the Testament be proued, or administration to him by thordinary duely committed, or doth let the Testament or last wyll in anye wyse to be fulfilled.

xlii. Item whither suche as can not reade vpon the booke, haue euerpe one of theym a payze of beades, and doe vse the same deuoutlye and accordingly.

xliii. Item whither anye Minstrels or anye other persons do vse to syng or say any songes or ditties that be vncleane or vyle, especiallye against any of the. vii. Sacramentes, or against any the rites and ceremonies of thys Church of Englande, whyche is a notable member of Chyestes catholike church.

xlvi. Item whither any do depzaue or contempne the

the auctoritie or iurisdiction of the Popes holyness, or the sea of Rome, or do let the processe of anye Archbyschoppe or Byschoppe, or of anye of theyr deputies.

Item whither any playes or Interludes not being first examined, allowed, and approued by the ordinary, are vsed at any tyme, especiallye in the Lent, or vpon Sondayes or holydaies, especiallye at the tyme of diuine seruice, and whither any other vyle or lewde pastimes at any of the sayde tymes, are in anye wyse vsed or accustomed.

Item whither there be any that doth vse to bye & sel vpon the sundayes or holydayes, or do vpon those dayes kepe open theyr shoppes, Tavernes, Alehouses, or victualyng houses, especially in the tyme of diuine seruice,

Item whither ye haue procured or consented in any wyse, that durynge anye part of the Sermon made at Paules Crosse, there shoulde be rynging of belles, playing of Childzen, cryinge or making lowde noyse, rydinge of horses, or otherwise, so that the Preacher there, or his audience was troubled thereby, and if ye haue not so procured or consented, whither haue you yet to the best and vttermoste of your power endeuoured your selfe to let such ringinge, playeng, cryeng, and noyse, that the said Preacher might the better doo his duty, and the audience be the better instructed and edified.

Item whither ye do know, or crediblye haue heard that within any part of the citie of London there hath bene any set tables kept for such as

as woulde thither resorte to eate and dzyne,
and whither it be not vled at the said tables to
haue Diner and Supper vpon the Fryday and
Embryng dayes, and all other dayes, as
well within the Lent time as with-
out, or whither there be at the
saide tables any fleshy ea-
ten at times pro-
hibited.

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